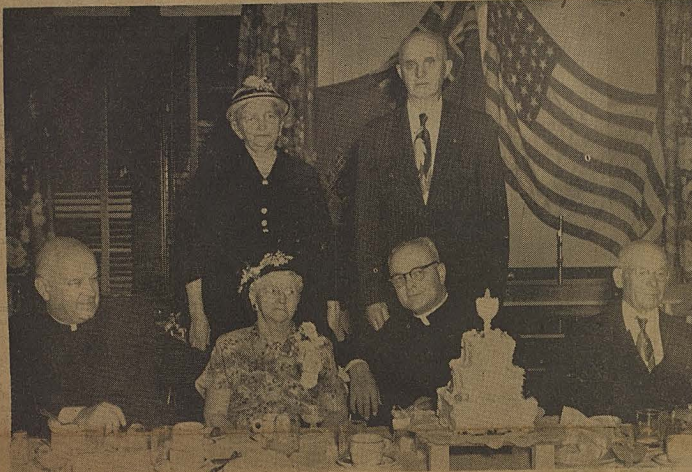




## Restrictions Lifted on Canadian Growers

### 350 Parishioners, Friends, and Relatives Celebrate Fr. Martin's Jubilee



Seated at the head table in the dining room at Sunnyside Hotel where Reverend Father Martin celebrated his twenty-fifth An-

versary of his Ordination to the Priesthood are Rt. Rev. W. J. Langlois, Dean of Essex, Mrs. Bella Martin and her son Rev.

Fr. Martin, and his uncle from New York. Standing is his only Aunt, and her husband.

On Wednesday evening, the parishioners of Sacred Heart Church, LaSalle, gave a banquet at the Sunnyside Hotel in honor of their pastor, Fr. O. A. Martin, on the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the priesthood.

Seated at the head table on either side of Rev. Fr. Martin were his eighty year old mother, Mrs. Bella Martin from Pain Court, Ontario, and his uncle from New York. Also seated at the head table were Fr. Bernard, O.F.M., of Blenheim, and Fr. Lefave of McGregor who celebrated his silver jubilee in McGregor last Tuesday. Mr. Herbert Runstedler, Mayor of LaSalle, Mrs. Runstedler, Mr. Bart Evon, Chairman of the Ushers who organized the Jubilee banquet, and Mrs. Evon and Mr. Fred Haslam, Toastmaster. The head table was adorned with a beautiful flour layer cake baked by Fr. Martin's mother and which was artistically decorated by Mrs. Ray Martin of LaSalle.

Among the visiting clergy were Rt. Rev. W. J. Langlois, D.P., pastor of Monte Pello, Rev. Fr. A. Caron of St. Joachim, Rev. J. Poisson of Belle River, Rev. J. Donlon, O.S.B., from Assumption Church. Also in attendance were Fr. Martin's many friends and relatives from Pain Court, Windsor, Big Point, Stevenson, Detroit, and New York.

Mr. Haslam presented the guest speakers Rt. W. J. Langlois, Dean of Essex, and Rt. Rev. H. Brousseau of Ottawa. Dean Langlois extended his best wishes to the Jubilarian and traced his work as a priest in the county showing how successful can be the life of a man who has never been afraid of work. Rt. Rev. Brousseau recalled old memories at the University of Ottawa where he was a professor of English when Fr. Martin attended as a student.

On behalf of the LaSalle parishioners Mayor Runstedler congratulated and presented a gift to Fr. Martin and other gifts from outside parishes and friends and one from the LaSalle Credit Union. With deep gratitude Fr. Martin expressed his thanks to those who had made the occasion such a memorable event and for the rare privilege of having his beloved mother present with the other members of his family.

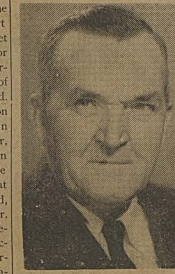
"The life of a priest is not always a happy and easy one," said he, "their are many days of sorrows and anxieties, but their are many happy days and today, this is one of them."

He hoped to serve his people faithfully and asked God's help to continue in his service.

Miss Annette Chappus, a talented young lady from the parish sang "Ave Maria" and "I Believe" in Father Martin's honor.

This gala occasion will long be remembered in the hearts of the parishioners of LaSalle and their beloved pastor.

### LaSalle Ex-Reeve Dies Suddenly



Robert (Bob) Fleming, 60 years died suddenly June 3, 1953 at his home on Malden Rd. LaSalle. Beloved husband of Mary. Loving son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fleming, Windsor. Dear father of William and Jack of LaSalle; Donald Windsor; Mrs. George Gjukak (Evelyn), of Detroit.

Services conducted by Rev. William H. Fitch, from Anderson Funeral Home, on June 6. Interment was in Victoria Memorial Park.

The experimental plan of market operation which has required all Canadian Growers who use Eastern Market to stand in Shed No. 5 until 6 a.m. and until 1 p.m. on Special Afternoon Market sessions, apparently hasn't worked out to the best interests of the market as a whole. Therefore, the restrictions imposed on Canadian Growers in July of 1952 are being rescinded, effective immediately.

### Notice

The Township of Sandwich West have now adopted the new Provincial Plumbing Code and have appointed a Plumbing Inspector.

It is now necessary to have a Permit before any Plumbing is done.

### Sandwich West Issues 57 Permits in May

For May 1953

31 New Residence	262,000
8 Additions to Res.	6,750
1 Industrial	1,366
6 Garages	5,600
12 Commercial	58,801
Total Value	346,837

### Local Guides Wins Cities Service Award



Reproduced above, is a photograph of the presentation to Marcia Marquette, by Mr. C. Riddell of Cities Service Oil Company, of her portrait in charcoal, by Egbert C. Reed. This award for her gallantry in saving her chum from drowning conjoints with the recent radio programme "Path of Duty" as broadcast over C.F.R.B., Toronto.

This presentation was made on May 27th, 1953. Mrs. J.J. Gooch, of Leamington, Divisional Commissioner of Guides for Essex County was present. Mr. Egbert C. Reed, outstanding Canadian Artist in charcoal portraiture, was expressly commissioned by Cities Service Oil Company Limited to execute this portrait.



Pictured above are from left to right Mayor Herbert Runstedler, Fr. Bernard, O.F.M., of Blenheim, Ont., Bart Evon, chairman of Ushers who organized the jubilee banquet, and Mrs. Runstedler.



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## 21st PARLIAMENT

21st PARLIAMENT, last session ended, awaits only dissolution before honorable members become mere candidates seeking re-election. Aspirants for membership in what was once regarded as Canada's "most exclusive club" will have ample opportunity between now and election date to remind electors of sins of omission and commission of both Government and Opposition.

Electors will be invited to weigh their ballots against background of such events as Finance Minister Abbott's 11 percent income tax cut, Currier Report, extension of federal health services, waste and extravagance in high places, St. Lawrence Seaway, South Saskatchewan Dam project, the Lunan affair, provincial rights and, last but not least, growing cost of Crown corporations such as CBC.

Big questions whether any of these items, singly or together, is kind of evidence on which people ought to base political judgment. Only real issue, which no party in Canada has thus far ventured to present to Canadian people, is that of individual freedom versus state control. Choice in modern society, as French philosopher Bertrand de Jouvenel put it, is between "libertarians" and "securitarians."

People of United Kingdom and of United States, offered this choice—thus far denied to Canadians by political "Me-tooism" of political parties in this country—have manifested in recent elections marked preference for more freedom and less regimentation.

## AUGUST ELECTION

AUGUST ELECTION is being opposed on the grounds that many people will then be away on holidays. Typical is criticism

made by Mr. Rodney Adamson, P.C. member for York West, Ontario, who says that if the election coincides with the holiday shutdown of a big industry, "the entire labor force of that industry will be virtually distracted, because practically everyone goes away to a summer cottage or on a trip for their holidays."

This suggests that the industrial workers of Mr. Adamson's constituency have a high standard of living. It also suggests that they place a low value on their franchise, since their summer cottages are not more than an hour or two's drive from their homes. In any event, there is such a thing as advance polling.

Canadians who care about voting will go to the polls at any time, under any circumstances. The others do not merit too much consideration.

Toronto Telegram reported in its May 14 issue that one percent of that city's population was getting direct relief. Most of the 6,642 recipients, it continued, were single women. In same issue, it carried more than 14 columns of advertisements under the heading "Help Wanted, Female."

## GOVERNMENT LEADERS

GOVERNMENT LEADERS should be asked bluntly what they intend to do with the money saved by any future cut in defence expenditures. Will they give it back to the Canadian people, or will they hand it out to foreign nations?

Mr. Lester Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs, recently indicated that Liberals would choose the latter course. Answering CCF demands for more help and technical assistance, to "underdeveloped" countries, he said, "Any money that can be saved by lowering defence expenditures could surely be devoted to these schemes of assistance under the United Nations and

under bilateral arrangements."

This appears to mean that any reduction in defence costs will be followed not by a corresponding reduction in taxes, but by a corresponding increase in foreign aid. Few Canadian taxpayers will approve such a policy. It may also be pointed out that Canada is itself an underdeveloped country, badly in need of more people and more investment. Socialists cut a strange figure when they suggest that other countries should be developed at the expense of their own.

## SUGGESTION

SUGGESTION of Mr. John Diefenbaker, Progressive Conservative member for Lake Centre, that mandatory prison sentences be imposed on directors of corporations violating federal combines legislation, does violence to well-established principles of corporation law and at same time reflects upon integrity and sense of justice of the judiciary.

Proper time for Mr. Diefenbaker to propose amendments to combines law was when MacQuarrie committee was sitting and when amendments to combines legislation were before Parliament. Voicing of such irresponsible proposals on eve of general election does little credit either to Mr. Diefenbaker or to Progressive Conservative party.

## THOUGHTFUL

THOUGHTFUL Canadians who deplore doctrine of "guilty by association," made fashionable in political circles in U.S. by Senator Joseph McCarthy, need to be on their guard lest similar development sully political life of this country.

Danger lies in fact that advocates of the welfare state like to argue that so-called social security measures are bulwark in struggle against Communism. Not only is logic of such reasoning highly doubtful, but implication is that those who oppose the welfare state are unwilling to fight Communism. Such implication is but one step removed from labelling sincere critics of Keynesian economic theories underlying the welfare state as traitors and fifth columnists.

## TRUE NATURE

TRUE NATURE of Communist party, wherever it exists, is indicated by an AP dispatch from Rome, which reports that during the first three months of 1953, Italian police seized hidden arms caches including three trench mortars, 31 machine guns, 50 Tommy-guns, 1,300 rifles, 4,973 hand grenades and 160,000 rounds of ammunition. Most belonged to the Communist underground.

Further details on this situation are supplied by Mr. Frank Kelley, Rome correspondent of N.Y. Herald Tribune, who reports that Communist weapons and explosives seized by Italian authorities since 1946 would equip half a dozen guerrilla divisions. More than 1,000 caches have been found, mostly in heavily industrialized areas where, as Mr. Kelley says, they could be used to sabotage factories turning out defence equipment for NATO nations.

De Gasperi Government has been asking Parliament for more authority to deal with illegal armaments, but is opposed by Communists and Socialists.

## RECENT ARTICLE

RECENT ARTICLE in Pravda helps shed some light on question of who is boss in Moscow. Articles emphasizes importance of what it describes as "collective principle in party leadership," denounces individual decisions and stresses functions of the committee in political decisions.

Vicious-minded leftists will doubtless conclude from Pravda article that group rule has succeeded one-man dictatorship of Stalin and that such development justifies conclusion that less autocratic regime is about to emerge in Soviet Union.

Fact is that present regime in Russia is supported, like its predecessor, by fear, terror, secret police intrigue, hate and all other ingredients which go to make Communism revolting. Emphasis placed by Pravda on "collective principle in party leadership" is probably nothing more than device to cover internal struggle for power being waged by Malenkov, Beria, and others in Stalinist post-regime.

## DR. SIDNEY E. SMITH

DR. SIDNEY E. SMITH, President of Toronto University, says "Canadians should try to understand Russia for the sake of future generations." Distinguished educationalist's suggestion that Russia, over the centuries, has been the victim of aggression rather than the aggressor makes it difficult for thoughtful Canadians to "understand" Dr. Smith.

Fact is, that despite views of Dr. Smith and British historian Arnold Toynbee, most folk find it difficult to forget Russia's frequent attempts to grab Dardanelles and control gateway to the East. Russia's repeated attacks on Poland, her unprovoked war on Finland, the seizure of freedom-loving Czechoslovakia and her ruthless domination of the Balkans, not to mention her efforts to extend the Soviet sphere of influence in Asia, illustrate that country's appetite for conquest. For an dunce of Dr. Smith's eminence to chide Canadians for failure to "understand" a country whose history is centuries of tyranny, which holds 15 million of its own inhabitants in slave labor camps, and which knows only guile and the double-cross in the conduct of diplomacy, is a disheartening business.

## SWISS JOURNALIST

SWISS JOURNALIST, returning from Australia, sums up impressions of that trade-union ridden country by asking, "Can a nation of 8 million people working 40 hours a week defend itself against 80 million people working on an average of 80 hours a week?"

Campaign of International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union in United States for adoption of 30 hour week poses equally urgent question for United States and Canada. Can 150 million Americans and 15 million Canadians afford 30 hour, or even 40 hour week when entire Western civilization is menaced by Soviet imperialism?

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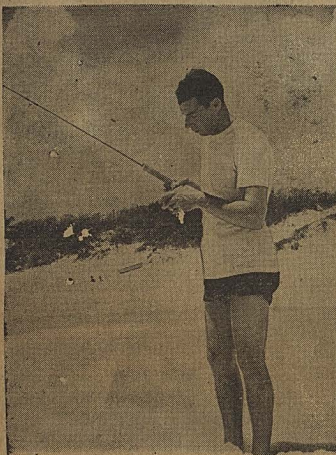
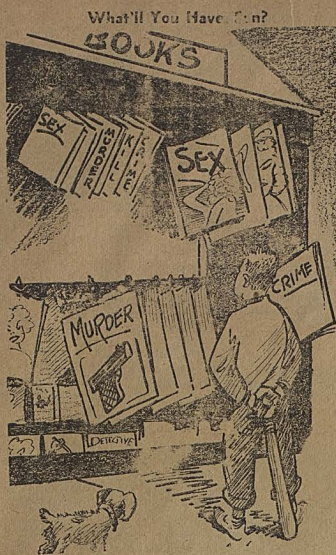
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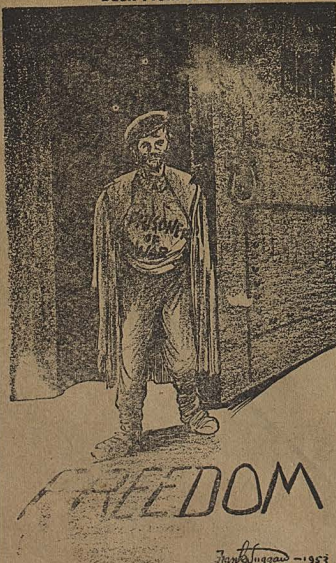
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**Back From The Dead**

June 1953

**Successful Horse**  
**Show Held at**  
**Assumption**

The first Annual Horse Show held on the campus at Assumption College May 24th, netted \$2,000 for the Athletic Club at Assumption. This will be annual event. Mr. Sam Chappus of LaSalle Oil and Coal Company, received two awards. He had his two lovely horses and a pony entered in the show.

**LaSalle Summer**  
**Bowling League**

The Summer Bowling League at the Lucky Strike Bowling Alley is now under way. With six teams entered, bowling will start at 8.30 Thursday evening and will follow for a period of ten weeks.

A short meeting was held before bowling started and Mr. Rene Tremblay was made President, Mrs. Marion Cooper, Vice-President, and Mrs. Alma Brodeur, Treasurer. Mr. Gerry Craig and Mr. Leo Reame are the secretaries.

There are openings for four more bowlers, anyone interested please contact LaSalle Bowling Alley.

**Birth**

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Murphy, formerly of LaSalle, are proud to announce the birth of a son, June 5th, at Hotel Dieu Hospital.

**Celebrate 55th**  
**Wedding Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pajot, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 6, by attending Mass at 8 a.m. at St. Joseph Church in River Canard, Rev. Father Charbonneau officiating, and on Sunday a family reunion, with dinner at Sunnyside Hotel.

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**News of Our**  
**Guides and Brownies**

**Cookie Day Saturday**  
**June 13th**

This is one day when the Guides and Brownies make their appeal to the public. The girls are all working very hard to earn funds for going to camp and will welcome your support.

**Closing Brownie**  
**Meeting**

On Thursday, June 14th, the closing Brownie meeting was held. Tawny surprised the Pack with a Coronation Cake decorated with the rose, thistle, shamrock and Union Jacks and surmounted by a small coronation coach, horses and soldiers. The cut-outs had come from Ireland just in time, for a real surprise.

**Meeting June 10th**

On Wednesday, June 10th, there will be an important meeting of the Local Association of Guides and Brownies in the Town Hall. All mothers are asked to be present as this will be the last meeting until next Fall, and final details in connection with Cookie Day, and Camp are to be discussed. The executive will appreciate the attendance of all who can possibly be there.

**New Dining Room**  
**At Sugar Bowl**

The new Dining Room at the Sugar Bowl will soon be completed where you will be able to enjoy a full course meal.

**River Canard P.T.A.**  
**Meeting to be Held**  
**Sunday, June 14th.**

The Parent Teachers Association of St. Joseph—St. Theresa Schools, River Canard will hold their last meeting of the year in the church hall on Sunday evening, June 14th. Besides the election of new officers, of interest to all will be the graduation exercises of Grade 5 pupils.

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The number of loans for construction, repair and alteration of farm buildings showed a slight increase over 1951. Loans for new houses numbered 563, for repairs to existing buildings 1,326, and for utility buildings such as sheds and barns, 1,034. Farmers in the West constructed the largest number of houses, while Ontario led in loans for the other two classifications. Other areas of the East also showed more money spent on repairing existing buildings and erecting utility buildings than in constructing new homes. This is no doubt due because of older and more settle farms in Eastern Canada. Borrowing for the above purposes totalled \$3,474,113.

Both the number of loans and the amount borrowed for livestock increased during the past year. Ontario farmers borrowed nearly one million dollars for this purpose, followed by Alberta and Quebec. Borrowing in the latter two provinces amounted to \$58,425 and \$483,214 respectively.

A decrease was expected for livestock loans, due to the cattle embargo and lower beef prices, but farmers are apparently confident of a stable future market.

The accumulative total of loans granted for livestock across Canada numbered 3,175 and amounted to \$2,899,834.

**FINANCE MINISTER ABBOTT**

FINANCE MINISTER ABBOTT, addressing Canadian Retail Federation, while admitting that because people in this country are saving about 8 percent of what Ottawa describes as their "disposable personal income," and are not at present over-extending their credit, Canadians should be careful not to become further involved financially than they are at present.

This is sound advice. Best way to prevent Canadians from becoming more debt-ridden than they now are would be to effect tax reductions that would increase their "disposable personal income."

**REFRESHING SE NSE**

REFRESHING SENSE of realism marks latest publication of British Socialist Union, Entitled "Socialism and Foreign Policy," pamphlet deplors pro-Russian, anti-American outlook of many leftists.

Canadian socialists, dedicated to Bevanism, will doubtless regard pamphlet as just another example of the kind of "revisionism" that has split British Labor party down the middle.

Many leftists in Canada still persist in regarding United States as power-hungry imperialist nation and Russia as the land of revolutionary idealism.

BRITISH Opposition Leader Clement Attlee is taken severely to task by The Economist for resting in his May Day address threadbare myth that full employment in nine out of ten of increased output and that will to work in inevitably sapped when the worker sees every increase in effort as short cut to unemployment.

Plain truth is, as The Economist points out, that "though it is considered foolish, heartless and immoral, there is also an equally powerful argument for thinking that the economic stick will encourage good time-keeping, discipline, attention to the job in hand, and other ingredients of high productivity." Evidence shows, "disconcertingly from Mr. Attlee's standpoint," says The Economist, "that short time and redundancies have had effects on production per man-hour varying from the negligible to the electrically stimulating that while workers do, indeed, sometimes spin out work, piece-workers go all out to earn their target income in the shorter hours available to them; that time-keeping improves, "frivolous" turnover lessens, and labor costs in general fall."

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## Mother and Daughter Banquet at St Andrews Memorial Church

On Wednesday, May 27th, the 6th Annual Mother and Daughter Banquet of the Local Association of Guides and Brownies, was held in the basement of St. Andrew's Memorial Church.

Guests at the head table, were Mrs. J.J. Gooch of Leamington, Divisional Commissioner of Guides in Essex County, Rev. G. D. Vogan, Rector of St. Andrew's, Mrs. Vogan, Mayor Herb J. Munstetter, Miss Amy MacLennan, District Commissioner for LaSalle, Amherstburg and River Canada, Mrs. H.D. Bondy, former District Commissioner, Mr. Riddell, representative for Cities Service Oil Co.

Other guests included Miss Phyllis Stidworthy, captain of the First LaSalle Guide Company and her acting lieutenant, Mrs. L. Andrews, Mrs. D. Veighey, the Tawny Owl of the 1st LaSalle Brownie Pack. Miss Sutton of Amherstburg, who with Marcia Marontate assists as Pack Leaders in the 1st Amherstburg Brownie Pack. Mr. Maurice P. Walsh of the Colonel Bishop School, one of the testers for Proficiency badges with the Company and Pack.

The leaders joined with the Guides and Brownies in their happy pride over so many months being present, and also in having two grandmothers there also, Mrs. Paddon with Paddy Bondy, and Mrs. Drouillard with Peggy and Sally Ann Soulliere.

Mrs. R. Endo, the President, asked the Guides and Brownies to sing their Grace. The toast to the Queen was proposed by Rev. G.D. Vogan and this was followed by all singing "God Save the Queen".

Highlights of the evening were: 1. An address by the Divisional Commissioner. 2. The presentation by Mr. Riddell on behalf of the Cities Service Oil Company to Marcia Marontate of an excellent charcoal self-portrait. The Cities Service Oil Co. has been sponsoring a program from Toronto which deals with Guide and Brownie achievements and activities. After Marcia had received the Gilt Cross she was invited to appear on this program. The drawing which was done by one of Canada's outstanding artists was presented to her as a commemoration of her appearance on the program and the deed which warranted it, that of going to the rescue of her chum Annette Benetean on July 22nd, 1951, while they were swimming at the Amherstburg Water Works Park. Annette had gone quite a distance from the shore and found herself in too strong a current, and was struggling when Marcia went to her and held her up and struggled with her until Mr. Wilson Brush, the lifeguard, went to their assistance and brought both girls to shore unconscious from exhaustion.

3. The presentation by Mrs. Endo on behalf of Mr. Endo of a sum of money to help with the transportation of Guides going to camp.

4. The presentation of a gift to Mrs. Plenderleith, the former president of the Local Association, who has moved to Windsor.

5. A programme of singing by the Guides, and piano solos by Rosabelle Veighey and Charlene Eve.

6. The Brownies sang some of their songs, Joyce Lane did a military Tap Dance, Elizabeth Veighey, Alice Broughton, and Lorraine danced a ballet number "The dance of the Brownies" and Burga Jung Played a piano solo.

7. Proficiency badges were presented to some of the Guides and

the Brownies by the Divisional Commissioner.

A hearty vote of thanks was given the members of the Local Women's Guild for the delicious banquet which they served, and an enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the Brownie and Guide prayers and taps.

## F.I.L.A. Lends 98 Million in 1952

A total of \$98,259,151 was borrowed by Canadian farmers during 1952 under the Farm Improvement Loans Act. This information was contained in the annual report tabled in the House of Commons by the Minister of Finance, the Honorable Douglas Abbott. This represents the greatest amount borrowed during any twelve-month period since the inception of the act. The increase over the corresponding period of 1951 is nearly 13 million dollars.

Since the coming into force of the Farm Improvement Loans Act in 1945 farmers have availed themselves of 331,940 loans. The dollar volume of these At the end of 1952, farmers had loans amounting to \$353,640,000, repaid 65.3 percent of this accumulated total.

Claims paid to the banks for losses amounted to \$12,153, an increase of nearly six thousand dollars over 1951. So far no accurate estimate of a future loss ratio can be predicted, but at the end of 1952, losses represented .01 percent of the amount lent during seven years' operation.

As in preceding years by far the greatest amount borrowed was by the farmers in the Prairie Provinces. Roughly 74 percent of the ninety-eight million obtained last year was in this area. However, marked percentage increases were recorded in the Maritimes, and when cognizance is taken of the farming population and the value of the farms, the increase is significant. Ontario and British Columbia showed a slight increase, while Quebec farmers borrowed approximately one million dollars more than in 1951.

## Purpose of the Act

The Farm Improvement Loans Act enables farmers to borrow purposes, including the purchase of farm implements, livestock, financing of farm buildings, and the clearing and breaking of land. The loans are obtained through the chartered banks at 5 percent simple interest, and repayments are arranged where possible to suit the paying capacity of the person obtaining the credit.

## Farm Implements and Trucks

Mechanization still remains the prime concern of farmers. Loans for machines purchased last year totalled \$90,818,000. This is 92 percent of the accumulated total for all purposes combined. Three-fourths of the ninety million spent on machinery was borrowed by farmers in the three Prairie Provinces. Undoubtedly the record grain crop harvested in the west was the stimulus for the many implements purchased. During the month of August more loans were granted than in any single month on record.

During 1952 there was financed under the Farm Improvement Loans Act 30,431 tractors, 15,289 combines, and 1,589 threshers of new and used make. The new machines purchased under this act accounted for 40 percent of all tractors, 53 percent of all combines and 43 percent of all threshers sold in Canada last year. In addition, 13,900 farm trucks were financed.

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